

Certain activities in navigable waters are exempt from needing a permit under chapter 30, Wisconsin Statutes. Using this checklist, you can determine if your project qualifies for an exemption.

Your proposed **swimming raft** is eligible for an exemption if your project will meet all the following conditions:

- ☐ The swimming raft will be placed and maintained only by a riparian (waterfront property owner) (an authorized agent or contractor may do the work on behalf of the riparian).
- ☐ The swimming raft will not exceed 200 square feet in surface area (equivalent to 15-foot diameter for round water trampolines) and will not exceed 38 inches in height above the water level. This does not include protective covers, diving boards, ladders and slides. These size and height limitations do not apply if you completely remove your swimming raft from the water and onto shore every day, or if the swimming raft is placed in a designated swim area that is marked and approved by the local municipality and DNR.

If your project does not meet all of these conditions, submit a permit application to the Department. Note, the Department may require a permit for a pier or wharf if any of the following are true:

- The pier or wharf interferes with public rights in navigable waters
- The pier or wharf interferes with the rights of other riparians
- The pier or wharf does not allow free movement of water underneath or causes formation of land on the bed of the waterway.

If you have any questions about whether you meet these conditions, you may request an Exemption Determination from DNR. Obtain Form 3500-107, "Chapter 30 Exemption Determination Request" from a DNR service center, or download it from our website at www.dnr.wi.gov under the topic "Waterway and Wetland Permits." Complete the form and submit it to the DNR office identified on the form.